

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Loosening of cable caps is an absolute affront to the integrity of democracy and competition in our United States. To say that cable caps prevent massive corporations from speaking freely is ludicrous and insulting not only to the FCC but to the American People. A corporations protected freedom to speak should never...nor is there precedent to say such...exceed the protected freedom of an individual to speak.

Yet massive cable companies claim that limiting their ability to speak to no more than 30% of the public limits their freedom to speak? That's nearly 100 MILLION Americans!!! How much freedom do they demand? 40%? 80%? 100%? And, when they have the ability to speak to 100% of Americans with no competition and no alternate voices, what will the FCC do about the fact that individuals will no longer have ANY freedom to speak at all?

The long and short of it is that cable operators like AOL Time Warner, AT&T, etc have over-reached their authority, liberty and privilege. If they won't be happy until they have TOTAL domination, then perhaps it's time for the FCC to give them a reality check.

The time has come, Commissioners, to exercise vision, courage and determination to prevent cable operators from doing the kinds of things (total domination of the media) previously considered only by megalomaniacal dictators and totalitarian regimes.